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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Pavitra Subramaniam, et al.

Application No.: 09/883,623

Confirmation No.: 4377

Filed: June 18, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD TO
SEARCH A DATABASE FOR
RECORDS MATCHING USER-
SELECTED SEARCH CRITERIA
AND TO MAINTAIN
PERSISTENCY OF THE MATCHED
RECORDS

Examiner: AA

Art Group: 2171

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231-9998

Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application,
Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the
following preliminary amendment and to consider the following
remarks.

IN THE DRAWINGS

N.E. Enclosed herewith is amended Figure 18 in which the proposed
changes are made in red ink. Applicants respectfully request the
Examiner to approve the Figure 18 as amended.